GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Chief Ministers of the States and Union Territories was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the responsibilities proposed to be shared by the Centre and the State Governments to deal with the crisis of internal security in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (c): A Conference of the Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held on 7th February, 2010. During the meeting the action taken by the State Governments on the decisions arrived at the previous CMs' Conference were reviewed which, inter-alia, related to filling up of existing vacancies in the State Police Forces; Creation of separate forces to tackle terrorism, deployment of Quick Response Teams in major towns; augmenting training facility by the centre for State Police; augmenting of strength of Police Stations; issues relating to mega city and desert policing, police reforms etc.

'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the States are the first responders to deal with Internal Security challenges. The Central Government, however, provides financial and other assistance apart from capacity building, intelligence sharing etc.